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## **SADTU is out to Unite Teachers, Parents, Learners and Communities**

The South African Democratic Teachers Union (SADTU) is calling on teachers, parents, learners and communities to unite behind quality public education as a basic human right.

As South Africa commemorates Human Rights Day on the 21st March 2013, SADTU fully acknowledges that the key to quality public education lies on all key stakeholders working together. "Education cannot be the responsibility of the teacher alone, we need to get the whole nation involved," said SADTU's General Secretary Mugwena Maluleke. "Education is indeed a human right because education reduces inequality in the society. It gives knowledge which makes one to be critical and therefore becomes an informed decision maker. It even improves one's life expectancy."

SADTU recently launched a campaign to promote quality public education. The Promotion of Quality Public Education Campaign calls on the learners to cooperate with the teachers in class, do their homework and respect.

Parents are urged to support the learners with their school work and show general interest in their children's education.

Communities are called to look well after the school premises and to treat them as community property.

Business, churches and the youth are also targeted in this campaign. "We believe these sectors, more especially business, have skills and resources that they can share with education in bring about quality education," Maluleke said.

The decision to come up with such a campaign is in line with SADTU's 2030 Vision's strategic pillar of Creating a Learning Nation.

The national leadership of SADTU will soon embark on a nationwide information drive and the idea is to inform members, parents and communities about the initiative.

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